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Greetings Councilmember Blumenfield,

Thank you for reaching out to me in response to my concerns.

I have not had the opportunity to give your letter it's due attention. My hands are full right now; they just swept that cul de sac again TODAY and took all of the tents that we recently distributed and other possessions. The people are terrified. I am emotionally exhausted and very disappointed.

What is the logic in providing handwashing stations and portable toilets for the unhoused at these locations and at the same time say that the people can't be there. That is also a fiscally irresponsible use of tax dollars. I have no horse in this race. I can't vote in LA County. My motives are not political but humanitarian. As a Pastor I am responsible to help bring relief to those who suffer. I am not being responsible to our donors and my family who help me to provide? Should I continue taking donations, only to see them thrown into garbage trucks? Honestly, you have been one of the officials that I have looked up to in the Valley; you have done some very positive things for the unhoused "constituents" of CD 3 and in the City of Los Angeles. Today I am conflicted and actually drained. I can't take tax payer funds from your office and see that money go into the back of a trash truck for the sake of saying that your office granted it to us.

Pastor Kathy Huck

Best regards,

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